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DEA HDQS FOR CUSACK CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

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SUBJECT: AID NARCOTICS ADVISOR POSITION

REF: A. CARACAS A-201 8/26/74 B. STATE 235614 10/25/74

C. CARACAS 2218 2/28/75 D. STATE 50623 3/6/75

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROPOSAL IN REF A, FY 76 PROGRAM GUIDANCE, THE AID NARCOTICS ADVISOR POSITION WAS APPROVED THROUGH FY 76 WITH FUNDING FOR FY 76 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,000, EXCLUDING TRAINING, REF B.

2. FORMER AMBASSADOR MCCLINTOCK LATER RECOMMENDED THAT SAID POSITION BE TERMINATED. THE TERMINATION DATE IS TO BE JUNE 30, 1975 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF C AND D.

3. AFTER SERIOUS RECONSIDERATION WE BELIEVE THAT A REQUIREMENT CONTINUES TO EXIST FOR THE SERVICES OF THE AID NARCOTICS ADVISOR. INTEREST OF GOV OFFICIALS, GENERATED BY RECENT ACTIVITIES, HAS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY. MEETINGS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY'S NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND GOV OFFICIALS HAVE RESULTED IN VERY POSITIVE REACTIONS AND IT IS OUR INTENTION TO EXPAND NARCOTICS TRAINING TO INCLUDE THE TECHNICAL JUDICIAL POLICE, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE, THE NATIONAL GUARD, AND THE METROPOLITAN POLICE. WE ALSO INTEND TO INCREASE OUR EFFORT IN THE AREA OF SELECTIVE DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES, REF STATE 254205, 11/18/74 AND

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CARACAS 0016, 1/2/75. THE AID NARCOTICS ADVISOR WILL BE RESPON-

SIBLE FOR COORDINATING THESE EFFORTS. HE WILL ALSO PERFORM REPRESENTATIONAL, PROGRAM/PROJECT REVIEW, AND LIAISON FUNCTIONS. IN ADDITION TO HIS DUTIES IN VENEZUELA, THE AID NARCOTICS ADVISOR WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REGIONAL ACTIVITIES AS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH FIVE.

4. DURING THE DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE APRIL 7-11, 1975 AND IN LATER CONVERSATIONS, REGIONAL DIRECTOR LOUIS BACHRACH, AND CHIEF OF DEA'S INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION JOHN T. CUSACK, DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR VANCE, THE IDEA OF TRANSFERRING THE AID NARCOTICS POSITION TO DEA REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN CARACAS. THIS CONCEPT HAS ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED HERE IN THE EMBASSY BY TRANSFERRING THE POSITION TO DEA REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS THE AID NARCOTICS ADVISOR CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN VENEZUELA AND IN ADDITION, PROVIDE ASSISTANCE THROUGHOUT THE REGION. THE EMBASSY'S NARCTOCIS COORDINATOR FULLY SUPPORTS THIS CONCEPT.

5. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT THE AID NARCOTICS REPRESENTATIVE WOULD HAVE HIS OFFICE IN THE DEA REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND WOULD REPORT TO DEA REGIONAL MANAGEMENT. INASMUCH AS THE CARACAS REGION ENCOMPASSES 12 DISTRICT OFFICES IN SOUTH AMERICA, THE AID NARCOTICS REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST DEA IN THESE AREAS, COORDINATING CCINC FUNDED PROGRAMS. ALSO, THE AID REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN LIAISON AND TRAINING PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD SUPPORT DEA AND THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY TEAM EFFORTS IN THESE AREAS.

6. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT: A. THE AID NARCOTICS POSITION (AND THE LOCAL-HIRE SECRETARIAL POSITION) BE CONTINUED THROUGH FY 76; B. THAT IT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEA REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS; C. THAT THE INCUMBENT RICHARD R. MARTINEZ, REMAIN IN THAT POSITION AND BE AUTHORIZED TO SERVE ON A REGION-WIDE BASIS. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT AN ADDITIONAL \$15,000 BE AUTHORIZED FOR FY 76 FOR TRAVEL OF MARTINEZ.

7. IF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE APPROVED IT IS REQUESTED THAT S/NM COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THE CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION, DEA HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, TO NEGOTIATE THE APPROPRIATE PASA AGREEMENT.

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